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- 1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AS REGARDS SECTION 7A OF REFTEL, NO RELIABLE DATA EXIST ON TOTAL U.S. INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL. BANK OF PORTUGAL REPORTS THAT NET U.S. INVESTMENT DURING PERIOD 1969-73 INCREASED BY \$46.5 MILLION. EMBASSY ESTIMATES TOTAL U.S. DIRECT INVESTMENT CURRENTLY AT APPROXIMATELY \$200 MILLION, MOST OF WHICH IS IN MANUFACTURING.
- 2. NO DATA EXIST FOR TOTAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT (SECTION 7B OF REFTEL), BUT BANK OF PORTUGAL REPORTS SUCH INVESTMENTS DURING 1969-73 INCREASED BY \$293.6 MILLION. PRINCIPAL INVESTORS, ASIDE FROM U.S., ARE UNITED KINGDOM, WEST GERMANY AND FRANCE.
- 3. NO RELIABLE ESTIMATES EXIST FOR PORTUGUESE DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN U.S. (SECTION 7C OF REFTEL). SUCH INVESTMENTS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN CONSIDERED TO BE SMALL. END UNCLASSIFIED.
- 4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. A CANDID ANALYSIS OF PORTUGAL'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURRENT INVESTMENT CLIMATE WOULD, OF NECESSITY, BE EXTREMELY

CRITICAL OF GOP ATTITUDES AND POLICIES. EMBASSY BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF SUCH AN ANALYSIS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN AT THIS TIME. GOP WOULD QUICKLY CITE SUCH A STATEMENT AS PROOF THAT WESTERN WORLD HAS ESTABLISHED AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF PORTUGAL AND IS, THEREFORE, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NATION'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAN ANY UNCLASSIFIED PUBLICATION ON INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL BE LIMITED TO SUBSTANCE OF FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS ABOVE. ADDITIONAL ORAL COMMENTARY WITHIN APPROPRIATE FORUMS MAY BE DRAWN FROM LISBON'S A-188 OF AUGUST 11, 1975.

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